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1. a. The enterprise is a subsidiary of the VVB Kautsch. Formerly it was privately owned but now has been turned into a nationalized plant. It was a small rubber plant with limited production capacity.

b. Management: The commercial manager is Heilmann. Source does not know the name of the second manager.

Office clerks: 37

Workmen: 152

c. Information on capacity is not available. According to information of a technical tester, about 50 to 60 percent of the plant capacity is utilized.

d. Production from 1 January to 30 November 1948:

				<u>Worth in DM</u>	
(1)	Automobile tires	1947			
		1948	3,539 ea.	320,733.-	(33%)
(2)	Other products	1947	149,500 kg	400,400.-	
		1948	167,741 kg	640,221.-	(67%)

e. The plant turnover was as follows:

		<u>1947</u>		<u>1 January to 30 November 1948</u>
Automobile tires DM	-		DM	192,500.-
Other products RM	552,400.-		DM	791,200.-
Hired labor RM	-		DM	3,200.-
Miscellaneous RM	12,300.-		DM	35,800.-
		RM		DM
		564,700.-		1,022,700.-

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Reduction of process	RM 7,300.--	DM 10,300.--
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	RM 557,400.--	DM 1,012,400.--
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Commercial sales	RM 674,900.--	DM 399,500.--
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	RM 1,232,300.--	DM 1,411,900
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Subsidies:	DM 400,000.--
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1. The losses were:

In 1947:	RM 98,100.--
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In 1948:	DM 330,400.--
(1 Jan to 30 Nov)	

2.

Work force:	400 workmen and office clerks
Daily production:	220 pieces
Monthly production:	6,600 pieces
Annual production:	80,000 pieces
Annual capacity:	120,000 pieces.

3. The Weidenau plant delivered 1,200 tires monthly in sizes ranging from 10.00 x 20 to 12.00 x 24 to Soviet units and agencies.

Comment:

a. Compare reported information on planning figures regarding the Soviet Zone of Germany rubber industry \* and the comment on the Wiesa Rubber Plant \*\* supplied in a previous report.

b. After negotiations to barter Soviet Zone of Germany buna against Western German tires had failed, the reported plant (formerly producing only small rubber wares) was converted to the production of automobile tires and tubes. The costs of this conversion are indicated in para 1 (1').

c. After its expropriation the plant became a provincial enterprise of Saxony and was assigned to the VVE (L) Chemical Products with the Plant No 57/392/1001. The former owners were Emil Poetzsch and Hilly Franz.

d. The 1948 production figures indicated in para 1 (c) are very low.

According to other reports about 15,000 automobile tires were produced in the plant in 1948.

e. The plant has the following production program:

Automobile tires  
Automobile tubes  
Technical form cylinders  
Cylinders for printing machines  
Water hoses  
Rubber soles and rubber heels